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WBR 1411.002 Policy.

Reclamation shall use the metric system to the maximum extent practicable in its procurements and other business-related activities in accordance with Part 758 Department Manual (DM) Chapter 1, Metric Transition Program, and the Reclamation Metric Transition Plan dated January 14, 1993.

SUBPART 1411.1 -- SELECTING AND DEVELOPING REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENTS

WBR 1411.104 Items peculiar to one manufacturer. .

(a) Pursuant to FAR 11.104(b), the estimated cost of the "brand name" product shall determine the approval level required under WBR 1406.304.

(b) The CO shall insert the clause at WBR 1452.236-80, Restriction on Submission and Use of Equal Products, in solicitations and contracts for construction when a "brand name" only product is approved for use.

SUBPART WBR 1411.5 -- LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

WBR 1411.502 Policy.

The CO shall forward recommendations for remission of liquidated damages pursuant to FAR 12.202(d) to the HCA for review prior to submission to the Comptroller General. The recommendation shall be in writing and include --

(a) A statement that all alternative administrative remedies have been exhausted;

(b) Information as to the reasonableness of the liquidated damages rate in relation to the contract price; and

(c) Actions taken to mitigate the assessment of liquidated damages.

WBR 1411.503 Procedures.

(a) The contract file shall document the basis for calculating the rate(s) of liquidated damages to be included in a solicitation.

(b) In addition to the items included in FAR 12.203(b), other examples of losses to be considered in calculating the rate(s) of liquidated damages are --

(1) Other personnel costs (e.g., engineering; contract administration);

(2) Overhead costs associated with inspection, superintendence, or other personnel costs;

(3) Other direct costs (e.g., operation costs, maintenance costs, travel and per diem costs); and

(4) Anticipated revenues.

SUBPART 1411.80 -- USE OF METRICATION IN SOLICITATIONS AND CONTRACTS

WBR 1411.8001 Responsibilities.

(a) AAMS is responsible for --

(1) Publicizing Reclamation's intent to acquire and use metric products and services;

(2) Establishing acquisition policies and procedures related to metric purchases; and

(3) Establishing required metric accountability and review systems.

(b) The Reclamation Metric Coordinator, W-6340, is responsible for establishing guidelines for use of metrication in solicitations and contracts for supplies, services, and construction.

WBR 1411.8002 Selection of metric or nonmetric specifications and descriptions.

(a) The CO shall be involved in the decision to use metric or inch-pound dimensions in specifications. The CO is also responsible for reviewing individual specification packages for compliance with 758 DM 1 and Reclamation's Metric Transition Plan.

(b) The CO shall document the contract file providing the reasons why metrication was not used in solicitations or contracts when metrication is not included.

WBR 1411.8003 Reclamation provisions and contract clauses.

The CO shall insert the provision at WBR 1452.211-80, Notice of Intent to Acquire Metric Products and Services -- Bureau of Reclamation, in all solicitations and contracts.